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Title : SYNCHRONIZATION OF DATABASES USING FILTERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 5, after "This application is", insert "a continuation of U.S. Application  
Serial No. 09/036,400, filed March 5, 1998, which is--".

On page 1, line 7, after "1996", insert "--now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,141,664--".

On page 1, lines 9-10, delete "(appearing now in paper format to be replaced later in  
microfiche format)".

On page 1, lines 13, replace " frames on microfiche" with "--1024 frames on 11  
microfiche--".

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-50 and add the following new claims.

--51. A computer implemented method of synchronizing at least a first and a second  
personal information management database wherein the records of at least the first database  
include a text field, the method comprising:

using a filter to select a plurality of records of the first database,

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